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LISTEN CLOSE AND YOU'LL HEAR IT...

THE SOUND OF CREATION BEING DESECRATED.

OF THE BRAIN BOYS BEING BLED DRY.

AND A GOD BEING FED.

THE PNEUMATIC TUBES HISS AND HUM AS LIFE FORCE IS FUNNELED INTO HIM...

THE GOD-POD SMOLDERS...

AND THEN IT HAPPENS...

A HYPER GOLIATH EMERGES.

I TOLD YOU I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE FUCKING EGG IS! WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS TO ME?!

'ELLO, EDGARD.

HOPE MY LADS HERE GAVE YOU A PROPER WELCOME.

PLEASE, YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND, I GOT RID OF THE EGG! I DON'T KNOW WHERE IT IS!!!

WE ALREADY KNOW WHERE THE EGG IS, EDGARD. WE KNOW EVERYTHING.

"WE KNOW ABOUT YOUR PAST.

"YOUR ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER, YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

"YOUR VICES.

MOTEL

"WE KNOW THAT EDGE BROUGHT YOU IN TO RETRIEVE THE EGG AS WELL. AND THAT YOU FAILED HIM. BETRAYED US.

"THIS WAS JUST ANOTHER SMASH-AND-GRAB, RIGHT? ONE MORE JOB TO PAY YOUR DEBTS.

"THEN YOU HAD A CHANGE OF HEART. DIDN'T SHOW UP FOR THE DROP-OFF. MAYBE YA THOUGHT YOU COULD FENCE THE EGG ELSEWHERE AND COME OUT RICH. SHIT, MAYBE YOU JUST WANTED TO BE THE BIG MAN WITH A DRAGON."

AND WHO KNOWS, MAYBE YOU GOT A LITTLE DRAGON IN YOU TOO.

MAYBE YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THE RIGHT MOMENT TO TRY AND RUN OFF-- TO FIND THAT LITTLE BIT OF FIRE YOU'VE STILL GOT IN YOUR SOUL. TO FIND YOUR BALLS.

WELL LET ME TELL YOU, EDGARD. I DO HOPE YOU TRY.

I'M BORED AND OH SO IN NEED OF A LITTLE ENTERTAINMENT.

I'LL FUCKING KILL YOU!

LET ME GO NOW!

NO NEED TO CAUSE YOURSELF A FUSS, LASS. I WASN'T DONE--

I TOLD YOU TO LET ME FUCKING GO!!!

AS I WAS SAYING...WE DIDN'T SNATCH YA AND BRING YA HERE BECAUSE WE NEEDED INFORMATION.

WE BROUGHT YA HERE 'CAUSE WE WANTED TO OFFER YOU A GIG.

W...W...WHAT THE FUCK...

YOU SEE, WE KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU, EDGARD. WE WANT TO GIVE YOU WHAT YOU WANT.

W...WHAT DO YOU THINK I WANT?

A PATHETIC, NARCISSISTIC FRAUD LIKE YOU ONLY EVER WANTS ONE THING...

YOU WANT PEOPLE TO THINK YOU'RE A HERO.

YOU'RE GONNA HELP US GET OUR EGG BACK. IN EXCHANGE, WE'LL MAKE SURE YOUR DEBTS ARE PAID. MAYBE EVEN HELP GET SOME CREDIBILITY BACK ON THAT SOILED NAME OF YOURS.

OKAY... I'LL BE YOUR HERO.

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AARON! IS THAT YOU?

GET IN HERE, QUICK!

YEAH, YEAH, HOLD YOUR HORSES, I'M COMING.

LIVE

HILL

HILLCORP FAMILY HOUSING

DID YOU SEE THIS?

NO. I WAS OUT. AT A THING.

AARON, I NEED YOU TO TELL ME AND TELL ME NOW...

WAS THIS YOU?

ARE YOU SERIOUS RIGHT NOW?

DO I LOOK LIKE I'M JOKING? I KNOW YOU LIKE TO HANG OUT IN YOUR DAD'S BUILDINGS SOMETIMES. YOUR OWN SECRET LITTLE ***FUCK YOU*** TO HIM. BUT IF THIS WAS YOU, YOU NEED TO TELL ME NOW, SO WE CAN GET AHEAD OF IT.

YOU'RE CRAZY, YOU KNOW THAT?

YOU THINK EVERY TIME I LEAVE THE HOUSE I'M EITHER OUT THERE DOING CRIMES--OR GOING TO GET MURDERED RIDING THE L TRAIN.

THEY SET A WOMAN ON FIRE ON THE TRAIN LAST WEEK! I'M SERIOUS, AARON.

IT'S LIKE FUCKING MAD MAX OUT THERE!

I AM NOT DOING THIS RIGHT NOW.

DO ME A FAVOR, MOM...

STOP ACTING CRAZY.

LYING TO MOM KILLS ME. HOW DO I EVEN EXPLAIN THIS TO HER, THOUGH?

NEEDED TO DISTRACT HER. KEEP HER OFF-TRACK.

LEAST UNTIL I CAN FIGURE THIS OUT.

HEY KID...

MIND IF WE HAVE US A CHAT?

I KIND OF DO, ACTUALLY. I'VE GOT CLASS IN 20, AND I'M NOT IN THE HABIT OF GETTING INTO CARS WITH STRANGE MEN. *I'M PAST THAT PHASE IN MY LIFE.*

CITY OF NEW YORK POLICE DETECTIVE NYPD

I WASN'T ASKING.

YOU GONNA TELL ME WHAT THIS IS ABOUT?

NO, I SPEND MY DAYS GIVING RICH BRATS GUIDED TOURS OF THE CITY IN MY SQUAD CAR.

BACKSEAT, THERE'S A MANILA ENVELOPE...

GRAB IT.

TELL ME WHAT YOU SEE.

GRAINY SURVEILLANCE FOOTAGE OF ME? YOU REALLY DO HAVE A CRUSH ON ME, DETECTIVE.

THEY PULLED THAT OFF A CAMERA AT A CONVENIENCE STORE--ACROSS THE STREET FROM THAT BUILDING OF YOUR POP'S THAT BURNED UP LAST NIGHT. YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT?

SO SUE ME. I LIKE TO HANG OUT IN MY DOUCHE-BAG DAD'S EMPTY APARTMENT COMPLEXES. THAT DOESN'T MEAN I STARTED A FIRE.

NO, IT DOESN'T, YOU'RE RIGHT.

BUT A QUICK LOOK AT YOUR CRIMINAL RECORD DOESN'T PAINT MUCH OF A PRETTY PICTURE.

"ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF SHOPLIFTING AGE FOURTEEN. BRAWLS IN THE STREET AT AGE 15 NEAR THE SUPREME STORE IN THE BOWERY--THAT'S NOT EVEN TO MENTION YOUR LITTLE ATTEMPTED ARSON INCIDENT A FEW YEARS PRIOR."

FIRST OFF--THAT LITTLE ARSON INCIDENT YOU'RE MENTIONING WAS A BUNCH OF KIDS PLAYING WITH FIREWORKS AT TOMPKINS. I LEFT WHEN THEY STARTED DOING THAT STUPID SHIT. Y'ALL JUST PINCHED ME BECAUSE THEY RECOGNIZED THE LAST NAME.

I KNOW. AND THAT RICH DADDY OF YOURS HAD THE CHARGES SCRUBBED JUST LIKE ALL THE OTHERS. THIS LITTLE RIDE WAS ABOUT ONE THING AND ONE THING ONLY, AARON. I WANT YOU TO KNOW SOMETHING.

I'VE GOT MY EYES ON YOU.

GREAT. COOL STORY, DETECTIVE, NOW IF OUR LITTLE UBER RIDE IS OVER, PULL OVER....

"I CAN WALK THE REST OF THE WAY."

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THE WORLD'S TOO LOUD.

RIGHT NOW, AARON NEEDS QUIET.

AND SO HE HEADS TO THE ONE PLACE HE KNOWS HE'LL FIND IT.

ABOVE IT ALL.

THE ROOFTOPS.

THE CITY'S BEAUTIFUL UP HERE.

DOWN THERE IN THE HEART OF THE CITY, IT'S EASY TO LOSE YOURSELF.

TO FEEL LIKE THE CITY'S ABOUT TO SWALLOW YOU.

CRUSH YOU IN ITS MAW.

THERE'S BEAUTY IN IT TOO, DON'T GET ME WRONG.

ALL THOSE PEOPLE, ALL THESE STORIES. BUT IT'S OVER-WHELMING...

BUT UP HERE, ALONE...

UP HERE I CAN BREATHE.

LOOK OUT!!!!!!!!!!

HOLD YOUR BREATH. DON'T BREATHE IT IN.

AAAA

YOU HAVE TO DO IT, AARON. LET ME HELP YOU.

YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED LAST TIME. WE HURT PEOPLE. I KILLED SOMEONE...

IT WAS YOU OR HIM. KILL OR BE KILLED. JUST AS IT IS NOW!

WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO ARGUE ABOUT THIS!

YOU'RE RIGHT.

WHAM

HAHAHA, LOVELY TECHNIQUE!

STOP PLAYING WITH THE CONTRACT!

WE ONLY NEED HIS HEAD AND PIGGY'S HUNGRY FOR SLOP!

-COUGH-

AARON. FIGHT. THESE ARE NOT GANGSTERS. THEY WILL KILL YOU AND ALL OF THIS WILL BE FOR NOTHING.

=COUGH= I'M TRYING...

FUCK IT.

WHAT

PEEKABOO

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YOU FIGHT WITH TRICKS.

I LIKE TRICKS.

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME...

SINCE I HAD THE PLEASURE...

OF USING THEM!!!!

AARON, I KNOW YOU'RE SCARED.

YOU DIDN'T MEAN TO KILL THOSE MEN, BUT YOU HAVE NO CHOICE HERE.

NO HOLDING BACK.

YOU'RE RIGHT...

"...LET'S FINISH THIS!"

YOU'RE STRONG...

SHI--

BUT NOT STRONG ENOUGH.

HYPERGOD SPEAR LEVEL 9999

:GROAN:

AARON, YOU HAVE TO WAKE UP.

YOU KNOW, WE DON'T GET CONTRACTS FOR KIDS VERY OFTEN, BUT WHEN WE DO, IT AIN'T THE PRICE THEY PUT ON YOUR SCRAWNY HEAD.

AARON!

KID'S GOT NO IDEA WHAT HE GOT HIM-SELF INTO.

HOLY FINGER OF THE BUDDHA.

LOOKS LIKE YOU COULD USE SOME HELP.

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S HIM.

WHO...

NAME'S EDGARD. LET'S GET YOU AND THAT DRAGON OUT OF HERE.

IT'S OKAY, AARON. YOU CAN TRUST HIM.

YOU HUNGRY? I'M FAMISHED.

YEAH, I COULD EAT.

DINER
OPEN
GOOD. I KNOW A PLACE. C'MON. LET'S BREAK BREAD.

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BEFORE.

PLEASE, LET US IN... HELP US...

I DON'T LIKE THIS, BROTHER.

HOW CAN WE CALL OURSELVES KLAXXON IF WE TURN AWAY THE WEAKENED IN THEIR HOUR OF NEED. WE MUST NOT STRAY FROM THE FIRMAMENT.

STILL. THIS DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT...

WELL THEN, GUESS WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LET OUR-SELVES IN.

I CAN FEEL THE FIRE. IT'S SO *CLOSE.*

LEAD US TO VICTORY...

SLASH!

IT'S THEM! THE KNIGHTS OF **EDGE.**

ARGH!

WE'RE BEING ATTACKED!

GET COVER AND HIDE! ALERT THE ELDER!

YOU WILL NOT HAVE THE LIVING FIRE.

PREPARE TO FACE THE FINAL FLAME!

KNIGHTS OF EDGE!

DESTROY THEM.

TURNS OUT THEIR FLAME ISN'T SO FINAL AFTERALL.

TO THINK THE MAP HAS BEEN PROTECTED BY THESE VERMIN ALL THIS TIME.

A GOOD WARM UP FOR WHATS TO COME, AT LEAST.

LET'S GIVE THEM A HELL OF AN ENCORE THEN.

HOW INCONSPICUOUS.

BLAST

YOU'RE TOO LATE. IT'S NOT HERE!

DO NOT PRESUME ME STUPID ENOUGH, TO BELIEVE YOUR LIES.

IT WILL TO COST YOU DEARLY.

SWAMP

STOP WASTING MY TIME.

WHERE IS THE MAP?!

STOP! I'LL SHOW YOU!

WHAT YOU SEEK, IT'S IN THE FIRE! PLEASE DON'T KILL MY GRANDFATHER!

IT HASN'T BEEN HERE FOR DECADES BUT WE WERE ALWAYS INSTRUCTED TO KEEP THE RUSE GOING.

KEEP THE RUMORS ALIVE.

UNFORTUNATELY WE DID JUST THAT AND HAVE PAID THE PRICE IN THE FORM OF YOUR ARRIVAL.

THEY HAVE THE MAP... THEY'RE GOING TO FIND HIM.

"THE LIVING FIRE...

THE ETERNAL FLAME...

"THE LAST LIVING DRAGON. ABRAXAS.

"AND GOD HELP US ALL WHEN THEY DO."

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